which was set up in 1998 under the Chairmanship of Justice H.R. Khanna, a retired Supreme Court Judge, has, *inter alia*, reviewed the recommendations of earlier Committees and suggested measures for further improvement in the safe running of trains.

The Committee made a total of 278 recommendations in its Report (150 in Part-I and 128 in Part-II) on various issues concerning railway safety, including adoption of technical aids. Of these, 38 could not be accepted due to various reasons.

Of the 240 recommendations that have been accepted fully or partially, 168 recommendations have already been implemented till November 2005. Balance recommendations are at various stages of implementation.

Second India-Pakistan Rail Link

3500. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways is planning to cover Second India-Pakistan link by next year connecting Indian village of Mannabau in Rajasthan and a small town Kokrapur in southern Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what are the modalities worked out for safety of the passengers in view of the terrorism prevailing in the border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The modalities for safety of passengers are in the process of being worked out.

Ajmer-Pushkar Railway Lines

†3501. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress regarding Ajmer-Pushkar railway line;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.